

Lahta language

Lahta, or **Zayein**,^[3] is a Karenic language of Burma.

Distribution

Lahta is spoken in:

- Shan State: Pekon (Phaikum)^[4] and Pinlaung townships
- Mandalay Region: Pyinmana township

Zayein is spoken in between Mobye and Phekon towns in southern Shan State. Zayein may be a dialect of Lahta.

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Lahta	
Native to	Burma
Region	Southern Shan State
Ethnicity	Kayan
Native speakers	13,500 (2010) ^[1]
Language family	Sino-Tibetan ■ (Tibeto-Burman) ■ Karenic ■ Sgaw–Bghai ■ Bghai ■ Lahta
Writing system	Burmese script
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	Either: kxk – Zayein kvt – Lahta
Glottolog	zaye1235 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/zaye1235) ^[2]

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